MAJOR AND MINOR

The St. Louis Glee Club has engaged Paul Mori as pianist.

Miss Agnes Gray, the violinist scored quite a success at the "Ladies Concert" given at Lindenwood Opera House on the 15th ult. The local press accorded her very high praise for her effective playing.

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Miss Helen Langdon, one of our young and rising sopranos was a pupil of Mrs. Brainard for several years, and made her first and second appearance at the Mary Institute rehearsals, before a large and appreciative audience. She received much praise for her "sweet flexible voice, clear enunciation and beautiful bird-like thrill." Miss Langdon gave much promise or the future, and is now, we understand, on our list of local eachers. We wish her every success.

Eugenia Williamson, B. E., the favorite elocutionist assisted by some of her advanced pupils in elocution. Delsarte and physical culture, gave her Troiseme Soiree at Pickwick Theatre on the 16th ult. A select audience sat enraptured during the exercises and testified to its delight in frequent applause. Miss Williamson renewed her triumphs and was especially happy in Bird tones of which she has made a special study. The work of her pupils was charming throughout and proved Miss Williamson's standard to be of a very high order.

A very successful musicale was given by Miss Nellie Paulding and her pupils at her residence, 3032 Easton avenue, Friday eve., February 5. Quite a lengthy programme was rendered. Little Miss Susie Doerr played several numbers in excellent time and very musically, Miss Jennie Osborn showed a well developed technique. Miss Kittle Peckham interpreted Sonate, Op. 14, No. 2, Beethoven, very satisfactory. Miss Paulding contributed four numbers by Raff, Moszkowski, Liszt and Godard. Mr. Chas. W. Brainard, the promising young tenor, and Mr. William Martin in a recitation contributed to the success of the evening.

W. T. Bobbitt, of 822 Olive street, Western representative of the World Renowned Decker & Son Piano, is well pleased with his last year's success with this famous piano. Messrs. Decker & Son must also be highly pleased with the way their piano is pushed in St. Louis. And as a token of their appreciation of Mr. Bobbitt's work have just presented Mr. Bobbitt with one of the handsomest Decker & Son Pianos that ever came to St. Louis. This famous piano is a great favorite in St. Louis and for brilliance of tone and durability has no equal. Mr. Bobbitt is justly proud of having one of the handsomest as well as the finest piano in Missouri. Mrs. Bobbitt declares that no money could buy her piano unless it could be duplicated with one of the same kind.

M. A. GILSINN.

Michael Angelo Gilsinn, one of the prominent musicians and teachers of St Louis, is a native of the land that gave to musical art, John Field, Geo. A. Osborne, Balfe, Wallace, and a number of musical geniuses of distinction.

Prof. Gilsinn was born in Ireland in 1842, and has resided in St. Louis since 1860. Over twenty years ago, Mr. Gilsinn took charge of the music in St. Francis Church as organist and choir-master, the reputation of whose rendition of the grand masses of the old masters is well known throughout the country.

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As a composer, Mr. Gilsinn has done a great deal of good work. Among his compositions may be mentioned two Operetta's viz.: "Dorothea, the Roman Martyr," and the "Three



"Pacini's Missa Solemnis;" "Cimarosa's Messe Militaire" and other important works which are very popular and sung in all the principal churches in the United States and Canada as well as by the prominent choirs of Great Britain and Australia. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Kenrick last fall he organized and drilled the grand chorus of 5000 childrens voices in the Exposition Hall. Mr. Gilsinn is a very pleasant and popular gentleman, and well noted for his ready wit and humor.

MELODY IN PIANO PLAYING.

The treatment of the melody in piano playing is especially brought out in the modern school, and has now quite another significance throughout than in the olden time; in the latter the pianoforte appears, when a melody is played, more in its own instrumental character; in the modern school it has more the character of the human voice.—Kullak.

COUNTERPOINT. BEETHOVEN'S IDEA.

I have had the temerity to introduce a dissonant interval here and there, sometimes leaving it abruptly, sometimes striking it without preparation. I hope this is no high treason and that the judices doctissimi, if ever I meet them in the Elysian fields, will not shake their periwigs at me. I did this to preserve the vocal melody intact, and will be responsible for it before any tribunal of common sense and good taste. Passages that are easy to sing and are not far fetched or difficult to hit cannot be faulty. These severe laws are only imposed upon us to hinder us from writing what the human voice cannot execute; he who takes care not to do this need not fear to shake off such fetters, or at least to make them less galling. Too great caution is much the same as timidity.—Ludwig von Beethoven.

TOUCH DISCRIMINATION.

Discrimination of touch is the intellectual, the internal part of technique; finger velocity only the mechanical, the external portion. Unfortunately, the majority of people are more influenced by external appearances than by internal worth. And so it is that we have a crowd of pianoforte players, for whom technique is the chief ambition; and a large number of amateurs who consider it more desirable to play runs and passages very fast and loudly, than to play them clearly and in moderate tempo, according to the players capacity, who imagine that to play a long difficult composition imperfectly will advance them more in the estimation of their neighbors, than to play a small piece in a finished manner. Such people, although capable of running helter-skelter over a great deal of difficult ground, will have to a certainty a defective touch; it will be mechanically rough and uneven, and intellectually non-discriminating. -Christiani.

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Carl Streitmann, who is singing at the Garden Theatre, N. Y., with Lillian Russell, is a firm believer in physical exercise and in rest of the vocal organs. He will not speak on those days when he is needed for a special performance or when he is to appear at a first representation, and advises every one to write their requests for several hours prior to public appearance.

Beuter.—Prof. Albert Beuter, the well-known musician, died at Bloomington, Ill., last month.

Paderewski received one thousand dollars per recital at private residences in Boston and New York.

According to the Hamburger Correspondent Dr. Hans Von Bülow will resign his conductorship of the Berlin Philharmonic Concerts at the end of the present season, and will probably be succeeded by Dr. Hans Richter, with whom negotiations are already in progress.

Paderewski has a wonderful memory, performing the long-est compositions without notes. He practices from six to eight hours out of the twenty-four, and frequently at night — To use his own language, "I wish to be so free with my fingers that they will go where they ought to without thought, so that I can devote my entire mind to the interpretation of the composer's idea." Aside from music he is very scholarly.

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An interesting musical service was given at St. John's Epis-copal Church, on the 14th ult under the direction of Paul Mori, the organist. The choir and different solists sang very well.

Richard Wagner's son, Siegfried, is at present in London and the recipient of numberless attentions from musicians. He is a clever musician, and his training has been to enable him to take the place of his mother as director of affairs connected with the productions of Wagner's operas.

On the 29th ulto, Mr. E. R. Kroeger gave a plano recital at the Forest Park University. The following was the programme: Prelude and Fugue D minor, Bach; Harmonious Blacksmith, Haendel, Variations in A flat, Beethoven; Novelette in F, Schumann; Berceuse, Scherzo in C sharp minor, Chopin; Hunting Song, Armstrong; Arabesque, Kroeger; Last Hope, Gottschalk; Nocturne in A flat, Liszt; Fire Charm Music, Wagner-Brassin.

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CHORAL SYMPHONY SOCIETY.

A miscellaneous programme, including Beethoven's "Leono e Overture, No. 3," and "Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana," was presented at the concert of the Choral Symphony which took place on the 3d inst, at Music Hall. The chorus rendered "Ave Maria" by Arcadelt, without accompaniment and the cantata, "Song of Victory" by Ferdinand Hiller, with orchestra. Miss Anita Muldoon of Louisville, was the soloist in the cantata. Wm. G. Porteous rendered "Pogner's Address" from Wagner's "Meistersinger." The work of the director and soloists was admirable and well appreciated.

Mr. Otten has been fortunate in securing for his symphony orchestra the services of Mr. Jacques Wauters, first oboe, and Mr. August Lelievre, first horn player. Both gentlemen won the 1st prize on their respective instruments at the Bruxelles Royal Conservatory. They are excellent general musicians, Mr. Lelievre being a first-class cellist as well. Their location here will be a great advantage to students of their instruments.

CONCERTS.

The concerts given by the Gruenfeld Brothers at Entertainment Hall were well received, and made a marked impress on on the audiences. They are both finished artists. Alfred, the pianist has an admirable technique, and his interpretations are gratifying in every respect, Heinrich, the cellist, played with splendid finish and artistic taste.

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THE ARTIST'S TASK.

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MRS. LENA STEINMEYER-ROCKEL.

The portrait presented on this page is that of the well known singer, Mrs. Lena Steinmeyer-Rockel.

Mrs. Steinmeyer-Rockel is a St. Louisan by birth, and when scarcely in her teens had gained quite a local reputation for the strength and remarkable range of her voice. Her first vocal lessons were taken at the age of eight years, after which she was sent to the Beethoven Conservatory. From there she went to Frankfort on the Main, Germany, where she took a three years course, spending a year and a half at the Hoches Conservatory, and a year and a half under the celebrated Mme Bauman. from whom she took daily lessons. While there, she appeared in Grand Opera in the roles of Elizabeth in "Tannhauser" Agatha in "Der Freischutz" and Marguerite in "Faust," meeting with decided success. She sang also for Anton Seidel after which she was engaged by the late Dr. Damrosch for his concerts in New York. She was with the Thompson Opera Company during the season of 1885-86, and scored a series of successes.



Mrs. Steinmeyer-Rockel was well on the way to occupying a very prominent place in the musical world when her mother, who pined at her absence, induced her to come to St. Louis Here, she has signalized herself by repeated successes in concert work. Her appearances at the Exposition provoked great enthusiasm. She has a soprano voice of good range, pure and sympathetic in quality and admirably fitted for operatic work. Her interpretations are thoughtful and artistic.

Mrs. Steinmeyer-Rockel intends to return to Europe at no great distant day to accept an engagement, having received repeated and flattering offers, and is now preparing her repertory which at present includes thirty-six operas. Mrs. Steinmeyer-Rockel has a charming presence, and a host of friends who hope to see her wishes realized.

FROM RUBINSTEIN'S NEW BOOK.

(Music and Its Masters.)

Rubinstein writing of Mendelssohn says: "I consider his work as the Swan Songs of classicity. He sheds no tears, there are no storms of soul, no bitterness—but he stands high in my estimation because from an over-flowing source he created lovely and perfect things, and because he saved instrumental music from going down."

Of Wagner, he has this to say: "he (Wagner) speaks of a collective art, Gesammtkunst, the union of all the arts for the opera; I find that in this way justice is done to no one of the arts. He recommends the Saga (the supernatural) as the material for opera tests; in my opinion the Saga is a cold, artistic utterance—it may supply an interesting and a poetical spectacular play, but never a drama, for we mortals have no sympathy with supernatural beings. To use the leit-motiv for certain personages or things is a proceeding so naive that it leads to the ridiculous rather than asserts a right to serious consideration. The exclusion from an opera of the arias and ensembles is psychologically incorrect; the aria in the opera is the same thing as the monologue in the drama. The mood of a person before or after certain occurrences, or the ensemble of mood of several per-

sons—how can they be excluded? A love duet without a moment of common ensoulment (singing together)—how can it be true? The orchestra in his opera is too much of a good thing, it lessens the interest for the vocal part and although, according to his intentions, it expresses what goes on in the hearts of the acting personages—since they themselves do not utter what goes on within them—still this important role is an evil, for it makes singing on the stage almost unnecessary; one is often tempted to stop the orchestra in order to listen to the singers. Probably no opera has a more interesting orchestral setting than "Fidelio" but such a need is never felt here. The use of vapor in hiding the change of scene is absolutely unendurable. "The invisible orchestra is a hyperdeal pretence, not tenable in his operas, nor in any others" Continuing he says: "If Wagner had written his operas and had brought them out without expressing himself about them in his writings, the public would praise and blame them, learn to love them or not, as happens to other music—but this declaration of exclusive salvation awakens opposition and protest. True it is that he has written that which deserves consideration ("Lohengrin." "Meistersinger," and the "Faust', overture are my favorites among his works), but the carrying out of principles, the predominance of reflection and the pretentious element in his music spoil the most of it for me. All the persons in his operas stride about on buskins (musical), always declaiming, never speaking, always pathetic, never dramatic, always as gods or half gods, never as men, as simple human beings. Variety of musical characteristique is therefore wholly lacking—neither a Zerlina nor a Leonora are possible with Wagner. Never does his melody, his musical thought portray the person; the leitmotiv portrays only the externality, not the internality. His orchestra is truly new and imposing, but not infrequently monotonous, lacking economy and variety of shading, because Wagner, from the beginning to the end

more than opera may be very interesting, but it destroys the opera itself."

About Liszt, Rubinstein writes: "Demon of music, I would call him. Scorching in his power, intoxicating in his phantastique, ravishing in charm, accepting and assimilating all forms, knowing and doing everything, but—in all things, false, untrue, rebellious, a comedist, and carrying within himself the principle of evil. His virtuoso-period was his day of glory. Words are too poor to describe his piano playing; incomparable in every respect, the culmination of all that the piano is able to produce. His composer-period; from 1853 on, that is a mournful thing. Program-music carried to the last point, everlasting gesticulations; in his church compositions, before the public; everywhere and everything, posture taking, posing." Rubinstein sees the virtuosi of composition in Berlioz, Wagner and Liszt. In the sense of specific musical creation he can not see the composer in any one of them. All three lack ingenuousness: their influence on contemporary composers is great but bashful. So for Rubinstein the end of music came with the end of Schumann and Chopin. "Finis musicae," he cries sadly, "I am wholly in earnest," he says. "I speak in relation to musical creation, the melody, the thought. They write interesting things to-day, to be sure; perhaps things of worth, but not the beautiful, the great, the profound, the lofty. Proof of this is the growth of coloring at the expense of the drawing, of technique, at the expense of the thought, of the frame at the cost of the picture."

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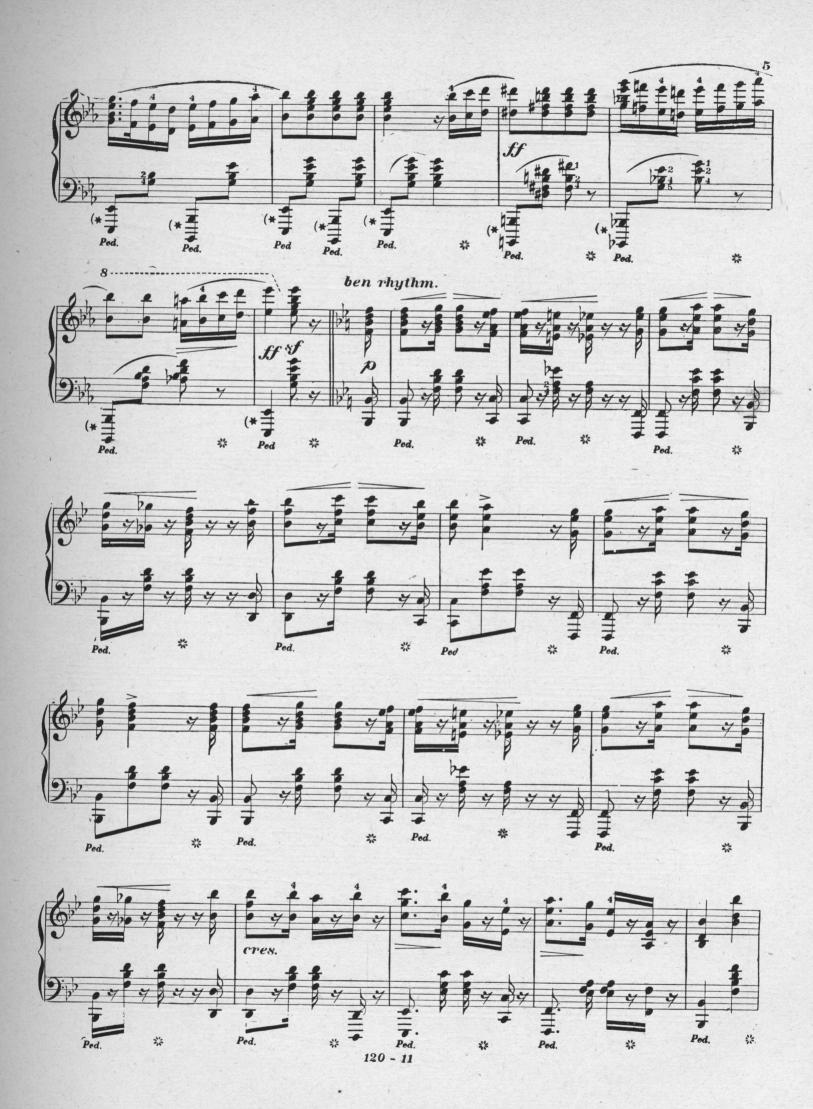
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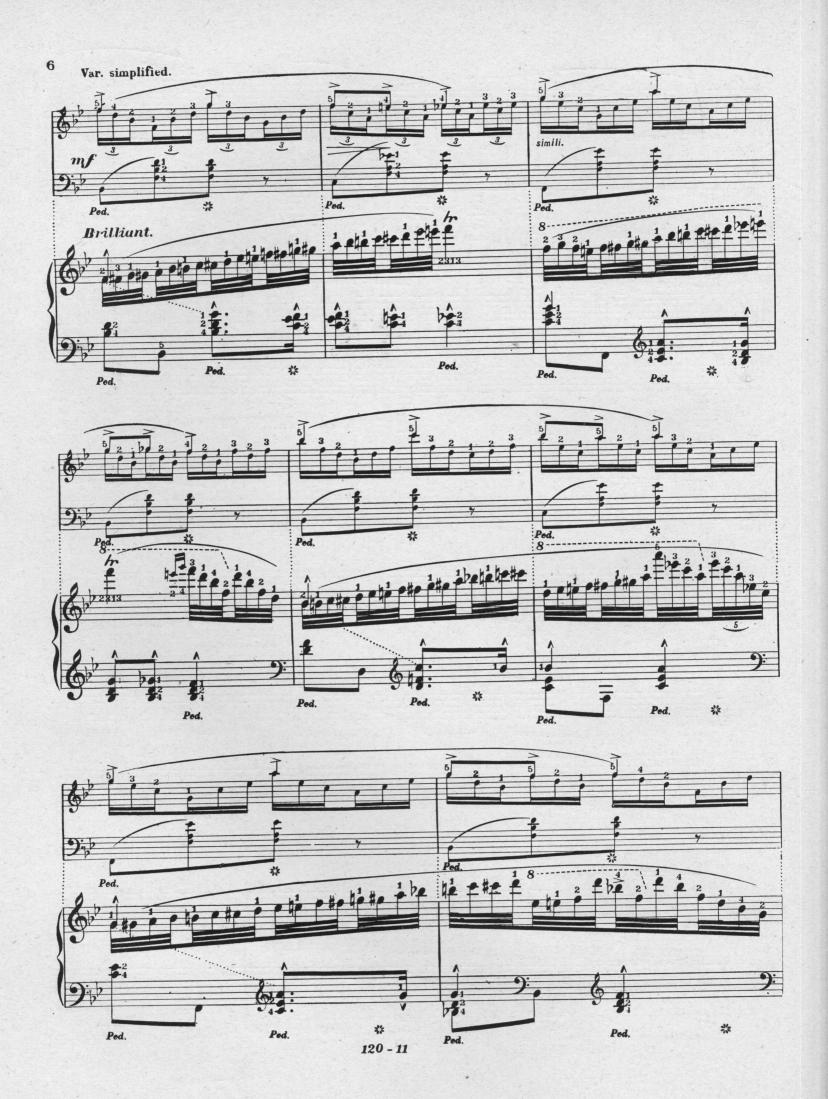
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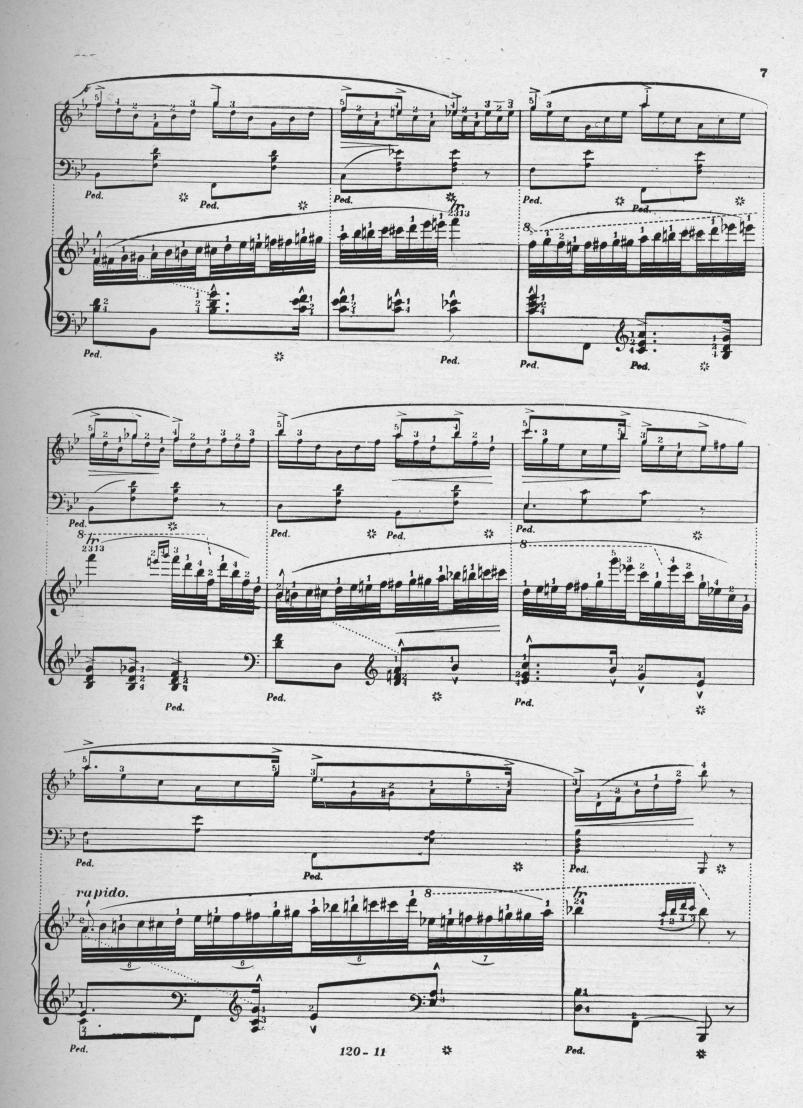
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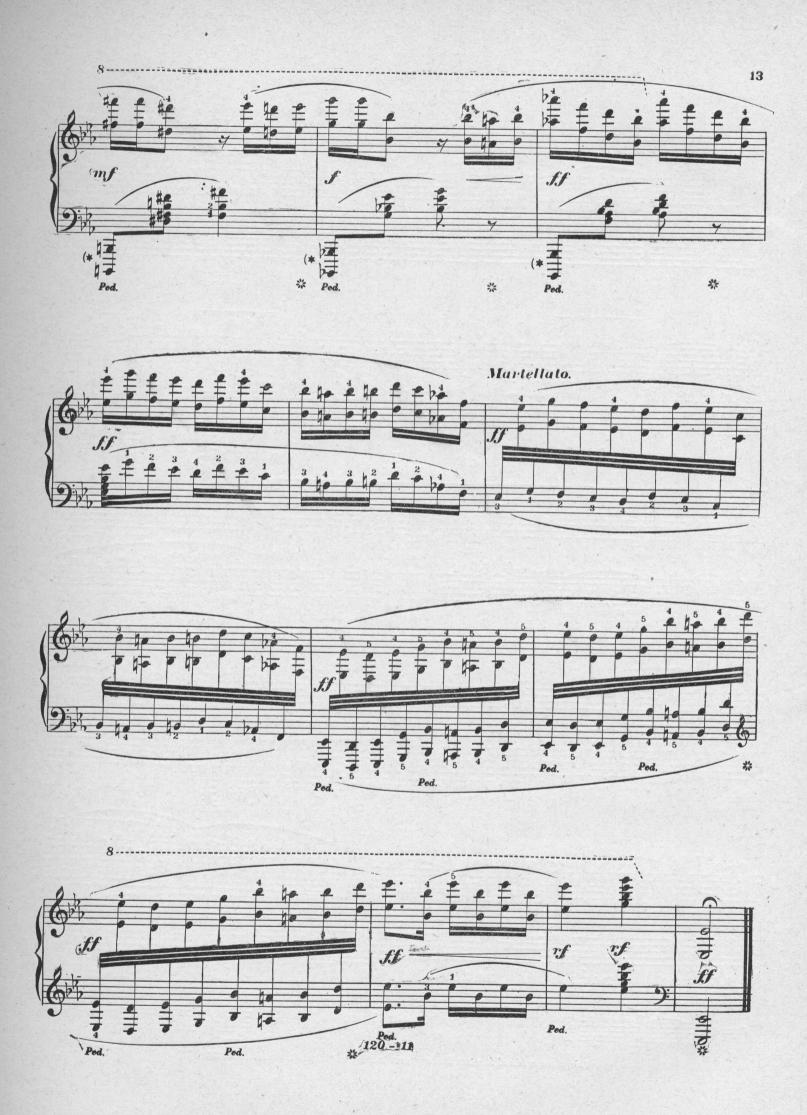












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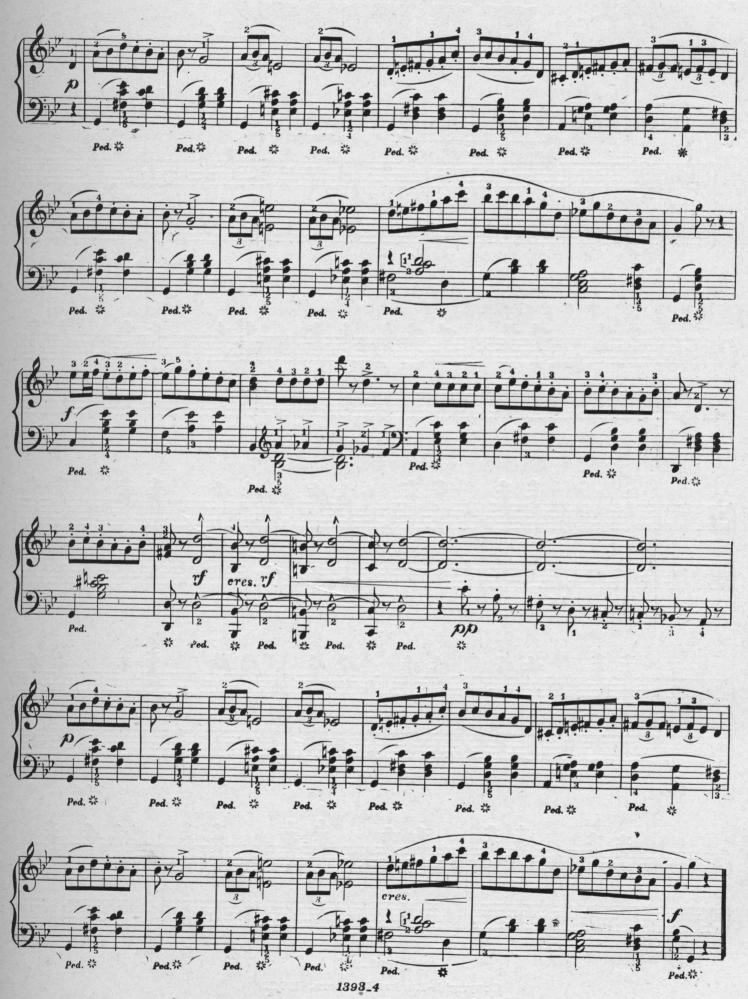
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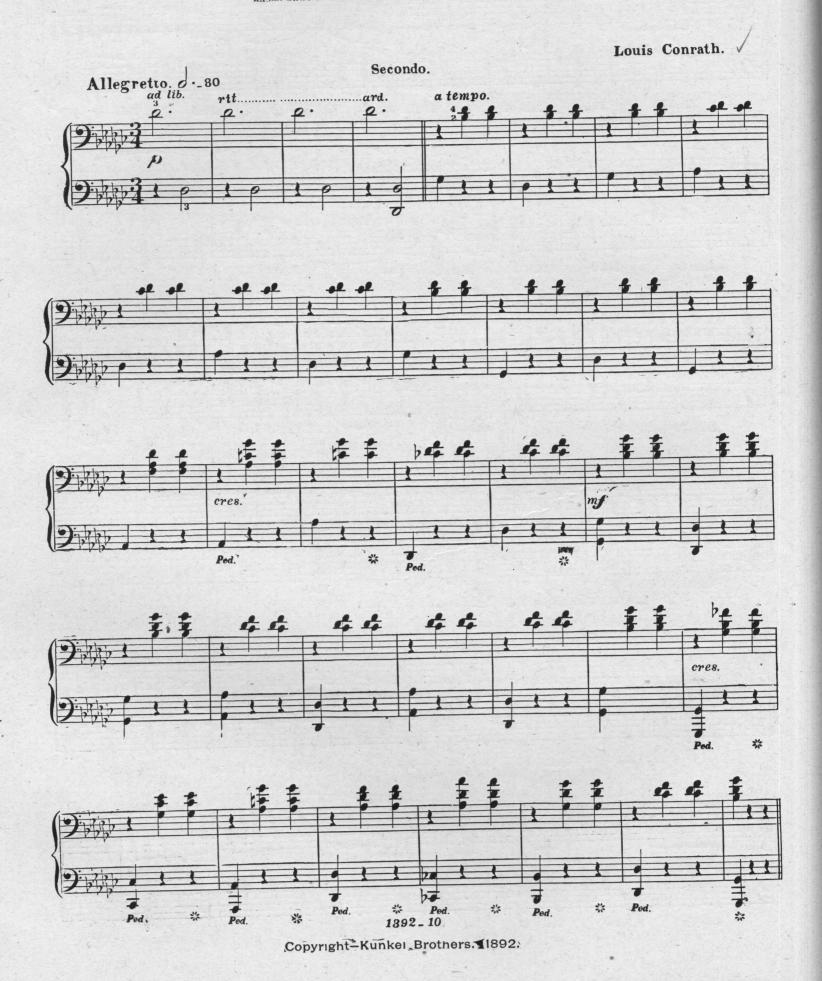


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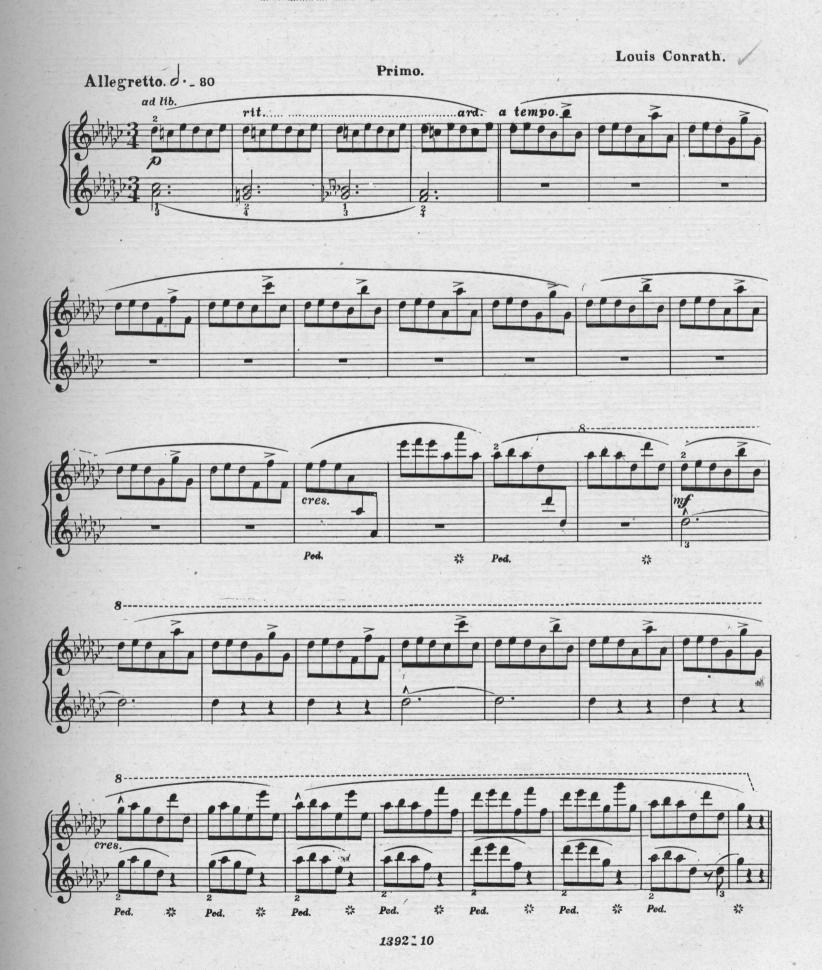




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(A) The chief end in view is a careful connection of the successive tones, (a smooth and even legato). Be careful to strike the keys exactly in the centre, and raise each finger at the same time that the next touches its key.



(B) See B, Etude 2.

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(A) The different touch in both hands offers, at first, no little difficulty, and demands a separate practice for each hand, the right hand to be strictly legato, and held quietly, while the left hand plays staccato with a loose, springing wrist.

Let the fingers strike with precision and firmness, and be careful that the fourth and fifth fingers show no weakness, but play with the same freedom of touch as is demanded of the first, second and third fingers.

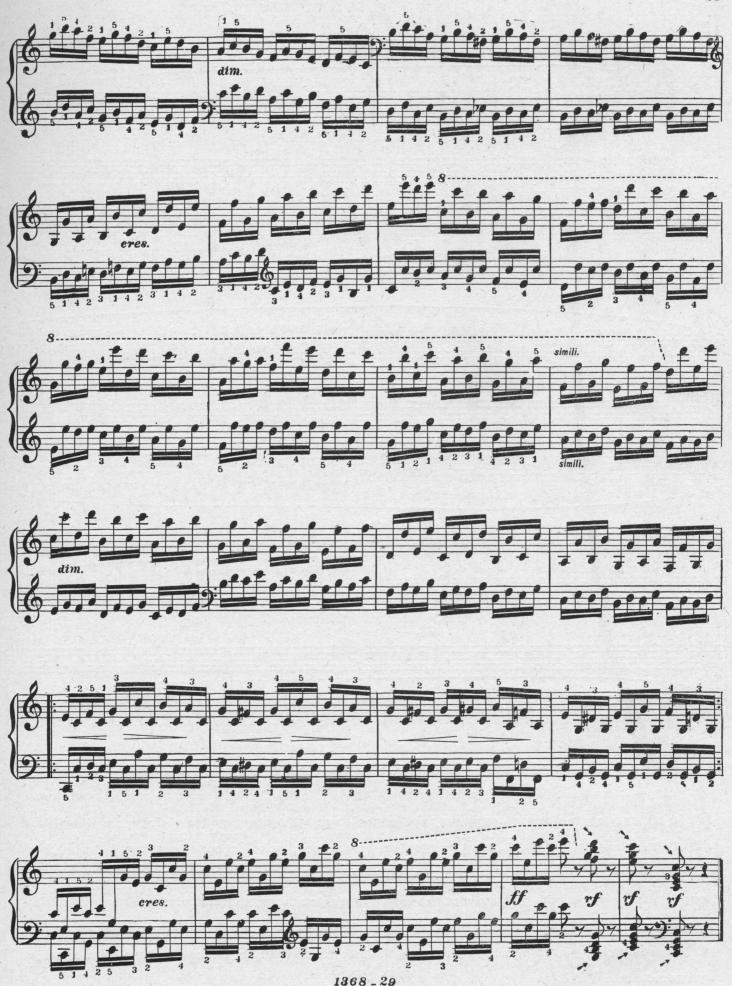
- (B) These quite difficult changes of position must by no means disturb the tranquility of the hand nor interrupt the even succession of tones. The position of the fingers here is over the black keys to facilitate the striking of the intervening white keys.
- (C) Play this passage in thirds, pliantly and staccato, striking both notes with a yielding wrist and precisely together.

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- (A) Equal touch and tone in the simultaneous playing of both hands, and the development of the weaker fingers (the 4th and 5th) are the objects of this study. Practice each hand alone and overcome its special difficulties before taking up both hands together.
- (B) The extension of the hands must not interfere with their even action. No matter how fast the time be taken a quiet position of the hand must always be maintained.



Wherever double fingering is indicated in this study, the upper one is intended only for large hands, which may practice it to advantage. Smaller hands should confine themselves to the lower fingering. 1368 - 29





(A) This study is of great usefulness for flexibility of the left hand, which should be practiced considerably alone before the right hand is introduced. When able to play this exercise correctly with one mode of fingering, it is advantageous to practice it also with the other modes of fingering. It will be highly beneficial to the pupil, from musical as well as from technical considerations, to transpose this study, say to G flat major; whether it would be exacting too much, or exceed the capacity of the pupil, must be left to the judgment of the teacher. Having thoroughly mastered the study, take up the ossia. It requires, of course, the same careful practice as that bestowed upon the left hand, and should not be played in conjunction with the left hand until its difficulties have been equally mastered.

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(LIEBCHEN KOMM HEIM.)

Translation by H. Hartmann.

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- 3. Komm heim, mein Lieb, komm doch zu_rück, Nimmer solst du hin _ fort geh'n;
- 2. Der Mond, der fern im Wes_ ten steigt, Hüllt sein Haupt in Gram - es Flor;

me heut' In die Nacht mit warm em Schein 1. Vom Her_de loht die Flam _

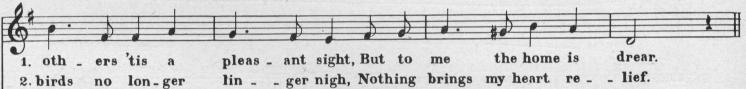


- hearth to night, With a warm and glow ing cheer, 1. The fireburns on the
- 2. The moonthat lights the west _ ern sky, Dips so low her head in

3. Come home, sweetheart, come home to - me, You should not re - main



- ge sehn, zu_erst mein Glück Seit ich dich _ dingst 3. ach, nur du
- zieht nichts em _ por, Wei_ _ se schweigt Und mein Herz 2. Vög _ leins sü _ sse
- blicks freut, A _ ber schafft's Schmerz und Pein, mir An _ 1. manch _ er sich des



in thee, Since my hand laid. in thine I my life's bound up 3. aye



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Paderawski is the freshest in the minds of Americans, and D'Albert's return will bring him once more to the front. D'Albert is said to be in splendid trim and has the direct approbation of Von Bülow and Rubinstein who take him within their

The Bureau of Music has issued letters of invitation to all the important choral societies in the large cities asking them to cooperate in forming the grand chorus of 2,000 voices, which will render standard oratorios at the ceremonies dedicatory of the Exposition buildings.

The health of Madame Clara Schumann continues in an unsatisfactory state. She is always haunted by the sound of music, and nothing her physicians can do succeeds in touching the evils. It is not surprising that the great artist has fallen into a state of melancholy and depression.

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The Chorus of the Church of the Messiah rendered on January 31st, portions of Mendelssohn's oratorio "St. Paul." The church was thronged to the doors, and under Mr. Kroeger's training, the performance was a very satisfactory one.

Tschaikowsky's opera "Eugéne Onégin" was announced to be performed for the first time in Germany, at the Hamburg Stadt-Theater.

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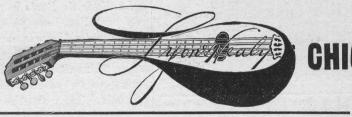
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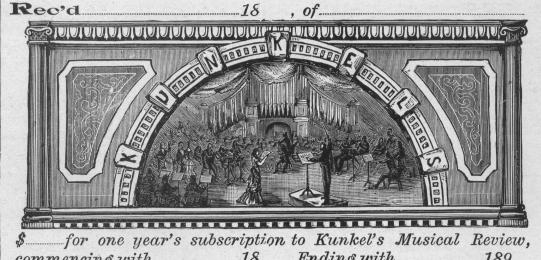
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